

REMARKS

The Examiner states:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a product ...
  - II. Claims 16-20, drawn to a method ...
- (Office Action, page 2.)

Applicant hereby elects group I, Claims 1-15. Claims 16-20 have been canceled and the title has been amended accordingly.

The Examiner further states:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- Species 1: Figure 8, and
- Species 2: Figure 4.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.  
(Office Action, pages 2-3.)

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Species 1 and assert that Claims 1-14 are readable upon the elected species.

This election is made with traverse in that group I, **Claims 1-15, drawn to a product, are elected** for the response to the restriction requirement and **Figures 4 and 8 are block diagrams illustrating operations in a process for manufacture.**

Accordingly, the Examiner is improperly requiring election of species from **figures drawn to processes for claims drawn to a product.**

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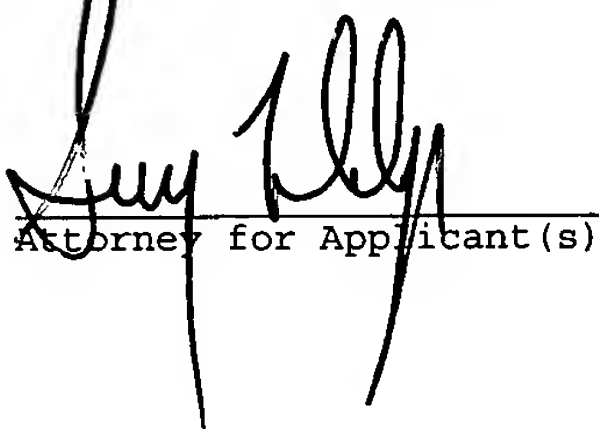
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Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

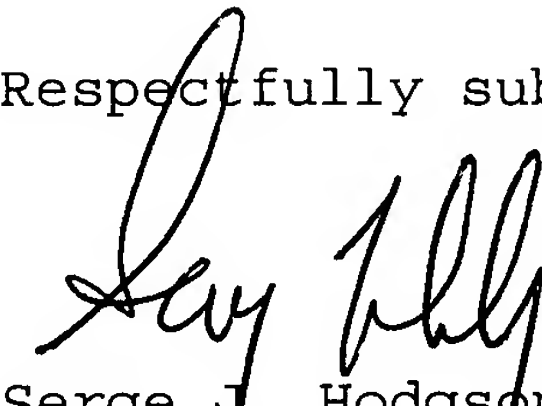
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